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TOPIC Military Information from Gera

EVALUATION 25X1X PLACE OBTAINED 25X1A

DATE OF CONTENT 25X1C

DATE OBTAINED 31 May 1951

REFERENCES 25X1A

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REMARKS

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SOURCE 25X1X

25X1C 1. From 1951, the barracks installation on Steinertsberg, Gera (M 51/K 06), seemed to be only partially occupied. Only a few windows of the barracks buildings were lighted at nightfall. Some soldiers observed in the billeting area wore red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets. A motorized artillery unit which was loaded at the railroad station on the evening of probably came from this barracks installation. The materiel of the unit included: 4 full-track prime movers, 4 heavy guns, 2 guns of 35-mm to 50-mm, and 25X1C

25X1C It seemed that the entire unit from the installation had gone to a troop training grounds. 25X1C

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25X1C 2. On , five AA guns, apparently of 120-mm, were emplaced 150 meters north of the intersection of Keplerstrasse and Wiesestrasse. An informant said that the gun crews were billeted at 12 Lindenallee. **

3. An undetermined number of AA guns were also emplaced in the elevated area, which had been cleared of trees, west of the old castle Osterstein in Ernsee. ***

25X1A * Comment. Elements of the 20th Gds Mecz Div and a unit of the 38th AT Arty Brig, possibly the 578th Arty Regt, are carried in the barracks installation on Steinertsberg. See 25X1A

25X1C The present report indicates that the unit which left Gera for an undetermined destination on 25X1C

25X1C was a component of the 38th AT Arty Brig. 25X1C

25X1C the Hq XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps and the 20th Gds Mecz Div. The present report does not indicate whether these

25X1A ** Comment. The AA guns emplaced on the west side of Wiesestrasse, on the southwestern perimeter of Gera, and the quarters of the gun crews were previously reported by the same source on 25X1A

25X1C See

25X1A *** Comment. The AA gun emplacement is reported for the first time. The Osterstein castle is located on the western perimeter of Gera, near the main railroad station.

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